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## REQUEST

The undersigned requests that the present international application be processed according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty.

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Applicant's or agent's file reference  
(if desired) (12 characters maximum) 758.1537WOI1

### Box No. I TITLE OF INVENTION

LIQUID FILTER ASSEMBLY; AND, METHODS

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**Box No. V DESIGNATIONS**

The filing of this request constitutes under Rule 4.9(a), the designation of all Contacting States bound by the PCT on the international filing date, for the grant of every kind of protection available and, where applicable, for the grant of both regional and national patents.

However,

- ☐ DE Germany is not designated for any kind of national protection
- ☐ KR Republic of Korea is not designated for any kind of national protection
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*(The check-boxes above may be used to exclude (irrevocably) the designations concerned in order to avoid the ceasing of the effect, under the national law, of an earlier national application from which the priority is claimed. See the Notes to Box No. V as to the consequences of such national law provisions in these and certain of States.)*

**Box No. VI PRIORITY CLAIM**

Filing date of earlier application (day/month/year)	Number of earlier application	Where earlier application is:		
		national application: country or Member of WTO	regional application:* regional Office	international application: receiving Office
item (1) 22 December 2003 22.12.2003	60/532,761	US		
item (2)				
item (3)				

☐ Further priority claims are indicated in the Supplemental Box.

The receiving Office is requested to prepare and transmit to the International Bureau a certified copy of the earlier application(s) *(only if the earlier application was filed with the Office which for the purposes of this international application is the receiving Office)* identified above as:

☒ all items      ☐ item (1)      ☐ item (2)      ☐ item (3)      ☐ other, see Supplemental Box

\* Where the earlier application is an ARIPO application, indicate at least one country party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property or one Member of the World Trade Organization for which that earlier application was filed (Rule 4.10(b)(ii)).

**Box No. VII INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY****Choice of International Searching Authority (ISA)**

*(If two or more International Searching Authorities are competent to carry out the international search, indicate the Authority chosen; the two-letter code may be used):*

**ISA / EP**

**Request to use results of earlier search; reference to that search** (if an earlier search has been carried out by or requested from the International Searching Authority):

Date (day/month/year):      Number:      Country (or regional Office):

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The following declarations are contained in Boxes Nos. VIII (i) to (v) *(mark applicable check-boxes below and indicate in the right column the number of each type of declaration)*:

<input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII (i)	Declaration as to identity of the inventor	:
<input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII (ii)	Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as to the international filing date, to	:
apply	for and be granted a patent	:
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claim	the priority of the earlier application.	:
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**Box No. IX CHECK LIST; LANGUAGE OF FILING**

This international application contains:  
(a) in paper form, the following number of sheets:

request (including declaration sheets) : 4  
description (excluding  
sequence listing and/or tables related thereto) : 41  
claims : 8  
abstract : 1  
drawings : 33  
Sub-total number of sheets : 87  
sequence listing :  
tables related thereto : \_\_\_\_\_

(for both, actual number of sheets if filed in  
paper form, whether or not also filed in computer readable  
form; see (c) below)

Total number of sheets : 87

(b) ☐ only in computer readable form  
(Section 801(a)(i))

(i) ☐ sequence listing

(ii) ☐ tables related thereto

(c) ☐ also in computer readable form  
(Section 801(a)(ii))

(i) ☐ sequence listing

(ii) ☐ tables related thereto

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This international application is accompanied by the item(s) marked below:

1. ☒ fee calculation sheet
2. ☐ original separate power of attorney
3. ☐ original general power of attorney
4. ☐ copy of general power of attorney; reference number, if any:
5. ☐ statement explaining lack of signature
6. ☐ priority document(s) identified in Box No VI as item(s):
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Figure of the drawings which  
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Language of filing of the  
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**Box No. X SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT OR AGENT OR COMMON REPRESENTATIVE**

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3. Corrected date of actual receipt due to later but  
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the purported international application:

4. Date of timely receipt of the required  
corrections under PCT Article 11(2):

5. International Searching Authority  
(if two or more are competent):

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6. Transmittal of search  
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